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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE SOCIAL WORKER SECTION OF THE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY,
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING & SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
DARLENE J. TITUS,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0002068

Division of Enforcement Case No. 12SOC021

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Darlene J. Titus
1123 Royal Oaks Drive
Janesville, WI 53548

Division of Enforcement
Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Social Worker Section
Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board
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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board ("Section"). The Section has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considered it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Section in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Darlene J. Titus ("Respondent"), date of birth September 9, 1943, is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the state Wisconsin pursuant to license number 3292-123. This license was first granted on February 16, 1995.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services ("Department") is 1123 Royal Oaks Drive, Janesville, WI 53548.

3. On February 17, 2011, Respondent renewed her Licensed Clinical Social Worker credential in the state of Wisconsin. During the continuing education portion of the renewal application, Respondent certified the following statement:

"I have completed 30 credit hours of continuing education in approved programs as provided in section MPSW 8.02, Wisconsin Administrative Code, between March 1, 2009 and February 28, 2011. I have or will have evidence of this which I will furnish to the Board upon request."

4. In July 2011, the Department conducted a continuing education audit for the 2009-2011 credentialing period on behalf of the Section. Respondent was selected to participate in and comply with this audit.

5. Upon the Department's request that she submit an attendance table and proof of completion for the continuing education hours ("CEHs") acquired during the 2009-2011 credentialing period, Respondent explained that she had in fact not completed the CEHs required for renewal.

6. Between March 20 and May 10, 2012, Respondent completed the following courses, totaling 32 Section-approved CEHs:

- a. Ten (10) Self-Study CEHs (maximum credit of 10 CEH):
 - i. "Topics in Human Sexuality: Menstruation"
 - ii. "Topics in Human Sexuality: Sexuality Across the Lifespan - Adulthood"
 - iii. "Topics in Human Sexuality: Sexuality Across the Lifespan - Childhood & Adolescence"
 - iv. "Mandatory Abuse Reporting"
 - v. "Dementia: Hope through Research"
 - vi. "Communication with Victims and Survivors"
 - vii. "Problem Gamblers and Their Finances A Guide for Treatment Professionals"
 - viii. "Impact of Crime on Victims"
 - ix. "HIPAA Overview"
 - x. "Topics in Human Sexuality: Sexuality and Childhood Sexual Abuse"
- b. "Motivational Interviewing I" (In Person, 6.0 CEHs)
- c. "Motivational Interviewing II" (In Person, 6.0 CEHs)
- d. "Food & Mood: 9 Steps to Calm the Anxious Mind, Improve Mood & End Cravings" (In Person, 6.0 CEHs)
- e. "Ethics and Boundaries in a Virtual World" (In Person, 4.0 CEHs)

7. The Department has received all certificates of attendance and/or completion for the courses listed above. Respondent is now in compliance with the CEH requirements for the 2009-2011 credentialing period.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Section has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26 and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent, by reporting on her renewal application that she completed 30 CEHs during the 2009-2011 credentialing period and would furnish evidence of these hours upon request, when in fact she did not, engaged in unprofessional conduct pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(4) and is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Stipulation of the parties is approved.
2. Darlene Titus is hereby REPRIMANDED for the above conduct.
3. Respondent shall not use any of the courses listed in Findings of Fact paragraph 6 to satisfy the CEH requirements for the 2011-2013 credentialing period.
4. Within 60 days of this Order, Respondent shall pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Two dollars (\$252.00). Payment shall be made to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and mailed to the following address:

Department Monitor
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Enforcement
1400 East Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone: (608) 267-3817
Fax: (608) 266-2264

5. Violation of any terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered, the Respondent's license (no. 3292-123) may, in the discretion of the board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs.

6. This Order shall become effective on the date of its signing.

SOCIAL WORKER SECTION OF THE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELING & SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

By: Erie Alon 9/19/12
A Member of the Section (D) Date